

# Kellaher, Lindell to Guest at Opener

Mike Callas **PRESS Sports**

## Heaven Help the Angels

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second in a series of articles by the Press' baseball authority Mike Callas, dealing with Los Angeles' newest major league organization, the Angels. In the first installment the writer compared Angel owner Gene Autry with millionaire Red Sox proxy Tom Yawkey and Gene Autry's baseball background.

Just after the World Series of '60 the American League decided to go ahead with its expansion plans and not wait for the National League to wake up. Branch Rickey, an ex-senior circuit owner, was threatening to really get his third league, the Continental underway.

The American loop wanted no part of this apparent competition to the monopoly they had enjoyed for decades. They moved into high speed and in a matter of days the public learned that there would be two new franchises in the League in 1961. The Washington Senators moved to Minnesota and a new Capitol city team was franchised. The other was in Los Angeles despite the howling protests of O'Malley who cried he wanted "damages."

In November, word came from American League meetings in New York that Hank Greenberg was seriously considering buying the west coast franchise. The noted ex-sluggoer of great merit flew out to Los Angeles for talks with O'Malley. Hank spent some time with "der Walter," however, their conversations were kept from the press and the public.

O'Malley, when moving to Los Angeles, had paid off two minor league teams of the Pacific Coast League for his right of way into the city of the Angels. Naturally he wanted "damages" from Greenberg before he would allow another team in Los Angeles to share the contents of the west coast's Fort Knox.

Autry and Reynolds corralled Hank before the Chicago White Sox executive could board a jet east. Because they had broadcast the games of the old minor league Angels and because they were bumped by O'Malley, the radio men wanted to make darn sure Hank gave them a positive indication that he would permit KMPC to radio the contests. Their station had lost lots of wonderful, profitable, advertising dollars when O'Malley moved to larger facilities. Greenberg didn't promise anything but he'd think about it he told them.

Realizing they hadn't "roped" Hank into signing their cowhide parchment the duo traveled east for further talks with the ex-home run hitter. On Nov. 18, Greenberg suddenly withdrew from contention. It was believed that his talks with O'Malley were responsible. Frustration is not an exclusive intangible with those who want to reach the top step of the ladder and fail. The westerners, already successful in their chosen fields, felt the pressure of try and not get when they were informed of Hank's disappearance from the Los Angeles scene.

They sought out and asked for a meeting with Joe Cronin, president of the American League. They asked Cronin if they were eligible to bid for the franchise. Joe welcomed them into the circle of prospective major-league owners. In St. Louis a few days later the pair were seriously being considered by the long standing members of the loop who were meeting in the Missouri city.

In Palm Springs, California, spring training site of the Angels, Autry recalled the morning in December when he and Bob learned of the Loop's decision; Reynolds and I were in our hotel room awaiting word. At 10 a.m. they called us and said that we were unanimously chosen. We had no idea they would select us. We had come east to get the radio rights and ended up buying a major league baseball team!

Next Sunday the author explains the complex problems faced by Autry in an attempt to get the Angels ready for the '61 campaign.

## Torrance Sprint Star Heads Up Gardena Card

Young Parnelli Jones, local favorite from Torrance and the United States Auto Club's midwest sprint car champion, joined the field of drivers who throttled the country's hottest 110 Offys last night at Ascot Stadium, Gardena, in the 50-lap USAC midget car main event. A total of 24 started the feature, a national championship race.

J. C. Agajanian, who has carded seven events featuring Indianapolis drivers, announced the addition of J. Jones, Parnelli, incidentally, will drive for Agajanian in the 500-mile classic to be held next month.

National USAC big car champion A. J. Foyt of Houston, youngest driver ever to win the title at 26, headed the list of Indianapolis drivers. Also entered was the national midget champion, Jim-

## Warrior Netters Clash with LBCC On Wednesday

With two victories remaining for a third place show in Metro standings and only two games remaining on the schedule, El Camino's tennis team under Norm Verry meets Long Beach Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. on El Camino courts.

The Warrior squad split two crucial matches recently in losing to Valley 7 to 2 and beating East Los Angeles 7 to 2. The split left ECC in a third-place bracket.

Verry's swatters will close out the year as far as Metro standings go in another home match with Santa Monica April 21. Four straight tournaments will then close out the complete tennis year.

my Davies of Gardena. Indianapolis driver Wayne Weiler and CRA sprint champion Don Davis were here from Phoenix.



HE'S S-A-A-A-FE—Sliding into third, slugger Bob Thompson of El Camino College contributes toward the Warrior's 18-2 victory over Harbor, Friday. The first sacker wielded a mighty bat, accounting for a single, double, triple and circuit clout, while boosting his average to .329 and his RBIs to 28 in 20 games.

## Recreation Dept. Announces Two Adult Softball Leagues Formed

At a managers' meeting, held last week-end in the city council chamber, two eight-team softball leagues were formed, according to Elmer "Red" Moon, adult athletic director for the Torrance Recreation Department.

Both leagues will start the regular season of play during the first week in May. All games are to be staged in Torrance Park.

The Comet League, playing two games each Monday and two games on Tuesdays, consists of the following teams and managers: Local 218, Pottery Union, Bill Ante; Border Markets, Doug Irvine; Douglas Aircraft, Torrance Facility, Ruben Mesa; Mag-

navox Laboratories, Ed Laezza; Curry's Aircraft, Dick Lindenberg; Mobiloil Torrance Refinery, Jim Meyer; Harvey Aluminum Co., Bob Pooler; South Bay Church of God, Jim Reynolds.

The Jet League, playing Wednesdays and Fridays, is composed of the following teams and managers: Harbor Hornets, Bill Wiley; Lucy's Lambas, Denny Haas; Torrance Post Office, Bill Conway; Aeronca Mfg. Co., Ray Hawley; Harvey Aluminum Co., Tabulating Dept., Don Buckner; Vickers, Inc., Bill Angel, Leo Wilhelm; Kentile, Doug. Browney and Ryan Aeros, Sal Molinari Jr.

Young Candidates Vie for Miss 'Baseball,' 'Little League' Titles

In conjunction with the forthcoming Torrance Baseball Parade, to be held on May 6, the Youth Baseball Council is again sponsoring contests to elect Miss Baseball of Torrance and Miss Little League of Torrance. The girls chosen will ride as parade.

Selections of Miss Baseball and Miss Little League are scheduled to be held at Walteria Park at 3 p.m. on April 30.

There will be eight contestants for the title of Miss Baseball of Torrance, representing the eight Pony, Colt, and Babe Ruth Leagues. These girls will be in the age group from thirteen through sixteen years old. There will be nine contestants for the title of Miss Little League of Torrance, the nine Little Leagues in the city. These girls will be in age group from eight through twelve years.

The criteria for selection are beauty, charm, poise and personality. Specific talents of the girls are not felt to be a consideration.

Trojan-Beating Arizona Runners Sign for Relays

Competition for Southern Cal's 440-yard swiftness in the mile relay of Mt. San Antonio Relays, April 28 and 29, was assured today with entry of Arizona State's foursome that in two 1961 meetings tied and defeated the Trojans.

Oregon State, led by two Southlanders, Norm Monroe of Compton (47.1) and Bob Johnson of Glendale (47.3), also entered the mile relay, which looms among the highlights of the mammoth two-day track and field carnival. The Arizona State Sun Devils ran 3:10.4 on a cold day in the SPAU meet and tied

of 3:07.9 and track bugs who watched them run 3:09.6 at Oxy Saturday will be betting they can do it. They'll be on the track where the U. S. Olympians set the world record of 3:05.6 last August.

University of Arizona has entered a six-man team, including sprinter Larry Dunn (9.4), discus thrower Karl Johnson (179.05), miler Jack Hudson (4:12) and hurdler Harry Lucky (14.1).

East L.A., now tied with El Camino in Metro third place, beat the Warriors in their first greens meet this year 31 to 23 at Montebello. East L.A.'s home course. According to skipper Al Greenleaf at El Camino, the same East L.A. team is likely to be defeated at El Camino's home course, the Palos Verdes Country Club.

John Kelly, fourth man for ECC, knocked in a tricky 35-foot putt to birdie the last hole at Palos Verdes for a narrow 29 to 25 victory over Santa Monica. Kelly, the only letterman from last year's squad, was the last man to tee off on the difficult par four 18th hole at Verdes and needed a birdie to win for El Camino.

ECC lost two days earlier to this year's Metro powerhouse Long Beach, 18 to 36 at Lake-wood Country Club. Last year the Warriors finished second to Long Beach by one-half game, but this year's Long Beach team is far out in front of the Metro pack. Low medalists for the Santa Monica match were Les Warr and Spencer Beard with 80 rounds. Warr also was low medalist against Long Beach carding a 77 round.



Congratulations to Anne and Jerry Homel of Gable House on the arrival of their new baby daughter, Nancy Ann, who arrived at 11:28 p.m., Monday, April 10, at the Little Company of Mary Hospital.

Gable House was really rocking when Jerry and "Chef" Luigi Tabone came back from the hospital and made the announcement. Champagne and cigars were passed out to all who were present and a toast was presented to the new baby girl, Nancy Ann, who will share the nursery with her 16 month old sister, Judith Louise, looks just like her proud daddy. Congratulations to a very nice family.

LEAGUE OF WEEK The Redondo Eagles mixed handicap league which bowls Wednesday nights at 6:30 shares this weekly spot. This league has ten teams with four bowlers on each.

Team one is in first place with 83 wins and 41 losses.

Team one members and their averages are L. Groves, 167; J. Groves, 134; G. Solis, 132; and Geo. Colis, 152.

Weekly high marks went to MHS, H. Axtin, 584; MHG, J. Layton, 240; WHS, H. Siekkinen, 549; and WHG, A. Foote, 20'.

Season high winners are MHS, B. Siekkinen, 679; MHG, J. Layton and J. Shewchuk, 261; WHS, G. Solis, 635; and WHG, A. Foote, 244.

In the men's division, B. Siekkinen of team seven (Ed Coury Cleaners) has the high league average of 175 and high scratch series of 649.

In the women's set H. Siekkinen also of team seven holds the league high average of 148 and high scratch series and game, 531 and 210.

GABLE HIGHLIGHTS Attention! All Patrons who hold the winning tickets from Gable's Anniversary Celebration, please stop by and pick up your prizes. So far, W. A. Miller and Jim Van Dyke have won the white bowling balls, Sam Galloway a bowling bag, and little Scott Gmur a bowling card. The remaining numbers and prizes to claim are as follows: \$15 Bowling Cards — 061073 and 060513 Shoes — 060071

The nursery will be open today from noon until 4 p.m. Come over and let your children have fun playing under good supervision while you enjoy yourselves on the lanes.

Thanks to Norm Belt for donating his time and talents to the ladies who attended the spare pick-up class Thursday. Norm gave some very good pointers on picking up spares, so if these are used, averages will really begin to climb.

SC at 3:10.6 on the choppy Santa Barbara track in the Easter Relays. Oregon State has run 3:12.5 without competition in the Northwest and Coach Sam Bell is confident the Beavers can cut far under that against SC, Arizona State, San Jose State and Oxy.

GUN FOR RECORD Naturally the Trojans will be gunning for Abilene Christian's new collegiate record

El Camino Linksters Meet ELA Squad in Crucial Bid for Met Conference Place

Six El Camino golfers will tee off on the Palos Verdes greens as they face East L.A. for the second time this season tomorrow in a crucial bid for second place in the Metropolitan Conference.

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## Slate Opening Ceremonies For May 13

Official opening exercises of the Torrance branch of the Pacific American Babe Ruth League's 1961 season will be held May 13, at 8 a.m. at South High School.

Guests appearing at the opener will be Frank Kellaher, former member of the Hollywood Stars, and Johnny Lindell, former pitcher with the Yankees.

First game of the season will be between last year's first place and runner-up teams, the Red Sox and Orioles. This will be followed by a full slate of games.

A new policy of week-end only games will be followed this year, with three games on Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. and on Sundays beginning at 12:30 p.m.

In a second announcement officials of the league reported that a year's planning of programs and elections of officials will take place for the Women's Auxiliary of the Babe Ruth League on April 24, 7 p.m. at the Newton Elementary School.

Plans for a program to aid in financing the teams and for disseminating information to the parents will be discussed.

Torrance League meetings are held every Monday at 7:30 p. m. at Edison Elementary School, just west of North High. Playing field for the Torrance League will be North High's baseball field, West 182nd St. and Yukon Ave., Torrance. The season will open Saturday, June 3, with a doubleheader baseball game.

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Drury, Goffy, Gunn Ahead in Teenage Golf

Dennis Drury, Billy Gunn and Ronnie Goffy won their age division flights in the annual Spring tournament of the Sea-Aire, Teenage Golf Club.

Runners-up in the 14 to 18 years flight were Lloyd Lessor, Gary Donoyan and Mike Miller.

Behind Gunn in the 12 and 13 years flight were Tommy Krig, Dennis Meyer and Jim Gjonnes.

Following Goffy in the nine years and under division were John Anderson, Barry Schumacher and Dana Ward.

The club, open to all youngsters interested in golfing, meets and plays at Torrance's Sea-Aire Golf Course, 22730 Lupine Drive.

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